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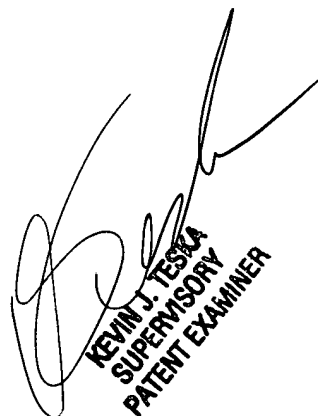
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**REPLY BRIEF NOTED**

1. The Reply Brief filed June 7, 2004 has been entered and considered. No further comment is deemed necessary by the Examiner. All issues have been addressed in the Examiner's Answer (paper #22). The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eduardo Garcia-Otero whose telephone number is 703-305-0857. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Kevin Teska, can be reached at (703) 305-9704. The fax phone number for this group is 703-872-9306.
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